

National News

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

RADUATION: Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Saturday attended the graduation ceremony of the eighth batch of the Al Andalus College at the Palace of Culture in the Al Hussein Youth City. At the end of the ceremony, Princess Basma presented certificates and prizes to the 200 graduates.

ENDORSEMENT: The cabinet Saturday endorsed the minutes of the meetings and resolutions of the joint supreme Jordanian-Syrian committee which convened in Damascus on July 2. The cabinet also endorsed the cooperation agreement between Jordan and North Yemen which deals with dispatching doctors and technicians to work in the health institutions in North Yemen in accordance with the recommendations of the joint supreme committee which convened in Sana'a in February.

FIRING AT WEDDINGS: Prime Minister Zaid Rifai has instructed Minister of Interior Rajai Dajani to give special concern to the question of firings at weddings which have resulted in the death and injury of innocent people. The prime minister asked the minister to give specific instructions to the Public Security Department to deal strictly with violators of the law and to impose all possible penalties on those who continue the process of firing at weddings.

ASSAD MEETS KUWAITI ENVOY: Minister of Higher Education Nasseruddin Al Assad met in his office Saturday with Kuwait's ambassador to Jordan Ibrahim Al Bahi. They reviewed bilateral cooperation in higher educational and the implementation of agreements signed by the two countries in this respect.

MINISTER OPENS COURSE: A training course for officials employed by the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment opened here Saturday. Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Yousef Hamdan Al Jaber opened the course, which is being sponsored by the Yarmouk University for 35 officials, who will be oriented on theoretical and practical work related to modern management of government offices, and will attend a six-day training course in the use of computers at Yarmouk University.

TAFILEH HEALTH COURSE: A six-day training course for women involved in health work ended at Tafileh Saturday. Fifteen local women attended the course, which was organised by the Queen Alia Social Welfare Fund.

NATIONAL GUIDEBOOK: The Ministry of Culture and National Heritage decided to issue a national guidebook containing the dates of seminars, conferences, public lectures and other cultural activities in the Kingdom. The guidebook, according to a ministry official, will also include the dates of workshops, training courses and other activities that are designed to orient the public on Jordanian life.

TENDERS FOR SCHOOL ANNEXES: Zarqa Governor Eid Al Qataneh has endorsed a number of tenders for building annexes to schools at the cost of JD 28,800.

HAJ HASSAN MEETS 2 ENVOYS: Minister of Transport and Telecommunications Khaled Al Haj Hassan met separately in his office Saturday with the Swiss and South Korean ambassadors to Jordan. Haj Hassan Saturday received a message from North Yemeni Transportation Minister Ahmad Mohammad Al Anasi. The message expressed gratitude for the consultative duty the transportation corporation undertook with regard to training Yemeni manpower.

SALT-ZAY ROAD PROJECT: Salt municipality has awarded a JD 350,000 tender to a local contractor to build a road linking Salt with Zay summer resort and Al Arida road leading to the Jordan Valley. The three-kilometre road will be completed in two weeks.

New study to boost agricultural production

AMMAN (J.T.) — The government prepared a study to boost the agricultural sector's production in the Kingdom and provide measures enabling farmers to overcome losses and the consequences of natural disasters, according to a report in Al Dustour Arabic daily.

The paper said the study provides for subsidies to be paid to farmers when the prices of crops plunge below the minimum level.

The government was also urged to charge farmers 80 per cent of profits made by selling their crops above a price ceiling.

Any amounts collected from farmers when selling crops at very high prices will be used by the Ministry of Agriculture in the form of subsidies to local producers, the paper noted.

The study, according to the paper, recommends that agents and go-betweens be excluded from the buying and selling operations, since they had been in the practice of charging large commissions from farmers for marketing their crops. It also proposes the establishment of a government-subsidised fund to offer soft loans to local farmers.

Centre opens for West Bank Tawjiji students

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — A centre opened in Amman Saturday to accept applications from West Bank Tawjiji students for Ministry of Education transcripts.

The ministry announced it will open centres in Amman, Zarqa, Irbid, Salt, Ma'an and Karak to receive such applications and provide transcripts required by students for enrolling in community colleges or universities here and abroad.

The ministry, which supervised

the Tawjiji examinations in both banks and published the results last month, has set up a number of committees to endorse certificates and transcripts.

Applications for Jordanian universities are being processed by post offices around the country and some 21,000 students from those who passed this year's Tawjiji examinations could be admitted to community colleges and universities in Jordan, according to press reports.

Aqaba-Nweibeh route congestion

AQABA (J.T.) — The Aqaba-Nweibeh land-sea route witnessed congestion resulting from large numbers of passengers travelling to Egypt or Jordan in June, the beginning of the summer season.

However, thanks to new facilities introduced at the port, most of the problems have been overcome, according to a report in Al Dustour Arabic daily.

The report said 38,800 passengers and 5,886 vehicles were transported across the route via ferry boats in June, causing authorities to increase the normal number of trips between the two terminals.

The report quoted Aqaba Port officials as saying that additional trips transported 3,122 more passengers and 687 more cars to Aqaba and Nweibeh.

WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

- * Art exhibition by Khalid 'Atiyah at the Zarqa Club for the Deaf and Dumb.
- * Architectural exhibition at the Jordan National Museum of Fine Arts at 6:00 p.m.

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- * Art exhibition by Jaber Abdul Fattah Nashid at the Royal Cultural Centre.

FILMS

- * Feature film: Cross Creek. The American Centre at 7:00 p.m.



The Health Ministry director general Saturday inspects the premises of the Chest Disease Department at Jabal Amman (Petra photo)

Health Ministry official opens new premises for Chest Disease Section

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — The Ministry of Health Saturday opened the new premises for the Chest Diseases Department at Jabal Hussein in Amman.

The new premises house units for examination of patients, X-ray units, laboratories, administration and welfare, a pharmacy and other facilities.

The new section has been sup-

plied with modern equipment and a powerful electronic microscope required for testing, according to Health Ministry officials.

They said that the Irbid Chest Diseases Centre will be supplied by a similar microscope.

According to the officials chest diseases centres, 10 of which exist in the Kingdom, deal mainly with tuberculosis, and the services are

offered free of charge.

The new premises were opened by the ministry's secretary general who represented Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh.

Officials said that the two-storey building will offer six to nine month treatment courses after which most patients are 100 per cent cured.

Committee buys 10,125 tonnes of cereals from Karak farmers

KARAK (Petra, J.T.) — A government-appointed committee in charge of purchasing locally produced cereals bought 10,125 tonnes of cereals from Jordanian farmers in the Karak Governorate, according to committee sources here.

The sources said the committee has now completed its task in the governorate and reported to the Ministry of Agriculture on the purchases operations.

The ministry appointed committees in Karak, Jweideh, Deir Alla and Irbid to purchase wheat,

barley, lentils and chick peas from local farmers at subsidised prices.

The government is in the practice of purchasing cereals from farmers at prices above the international markets' rates in a bid to encourage them to boost output.

In the meantime, it was announced in Karak that the local cooperative organisation has made preparations to set up an agricultural exhibition on Aug. 15.

The exhibition will display samples of crops produced by farmers grouped according to

cooperative societies in the governorate. The exhibition is designed to orient the public on methods by which cooperatives are boosting production.

The Jordan Cooperative Organisation (JCO), which supervises these activities, plans to hold similar exhibitions in other parts of the Kingdom, according to JCO officials.

They said special committees have been set up to prepare for the exhibitions.

PSD buys three helicopters

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Public Security Department (PSD) purchased three police helicopters with special equipment to monitor and control road accidents.

The helicopters are expected to be delivered before the end of this year, PSD Director General Abdul Hadi Al Majali announced in a newspaper interview published Saturday.

The helicopters, which are fitted with special television cameras, will be operated by the PSD but maintained by the Royal Jordanian Air Force, Majali said in an interview with Al Dustour Arabic Daily.

The helicopters will be helpful to the PSD in its endeavours to boost a comprehensive security programme around the country, Majali noted.

He said the new system, which involves the public in police work by enhancing the relationship between the public and the police, has proven successful.

The idea, Majali noted, was the brainchild of a 1986 meeting of Arab police chiefs and was approved and encouraged by INTERPOL.

This year the PSD will complete the construction of 10 comprehensive security centres around the country. If all goes well, the centres in the plan will be complete in two years, Majali noted.

Referring to road accidents, he said the PSD compiles statistics by international standards, which count the number of dead or injured in road accidents for every 10,000 cars.

In highly advanced nations such as Sweden, the rate of death from road accidents stands at 5-10 per 10,000 cars; in a densely populated country such as India, it is 200 per 10,000 cars. In Jordan, the rate is 19 killed for every 10,000 cars, according to statistics between 1985 and 1987, Majali noted.

He said studies have shown that 95 per cent of the road accidents are due to human error, while only five per cent are due to the road conditions or problems with the vehicle.

Referring to prisons, he said they are now highly organised and offer inmates a variety of facilities, helping their rehabilitation.

"Shortly, the PSD will invite the press to tour a number of prisons such as the model one in Swaqa to see and report on prison conditions, which are similar as

far as quality of service to those found in highly advanced nations," Majali said.

Last April, Majali reported that 18,129 crimes took place in Jordan in 1987, registering a drop of 7.4 per cent in general and a decline of 18.4 per cent in the number of felonies.

In reply to a question, Majali said the police in Jordan do not resort to beating detainees because beating often leads to adverse results. Those responsible for beating prisoners were said to be severely reprimanded.

In general, crime was said to be under control in the Kingdom. But, at least 15 per cent of the total number of crimes remains unaccounted for.

"However, this is a good ratio compared with other countries," the PSD chief noted.

Referring to smuggling, Majali said it is another issue no less important than the drug trafficking operations that have been going on in Jordan.

But, he said, smugglers have been carrying out their operations for trade rather than political reasons.

The PSD director announced in the interview that the PSD is currently studying the prospect of opening stores for the sale of arms and guns.

WAJ spends JD 1m on sewerage pipes in Karak

KARAK (Petra) — The Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ) last year spent JD 1 million to lay 45 kilometres long sewerage pipes in Karak, and work is now underway for linking the network with Karak homes, according to WAJ department director here.

He said that the project also entailed building a wastewater treatment plant at the cost of JD 900,000 and an additional 330 metre-long pipe to drain away the waste water to the plant.

The WAJ official said that a water pipeline has been laid linking Ghor Al Safi with the tomato paste processing plant at the cost of JD 65,000.

He said water is now sufficient for all citizens in the Karak region.

VTC opens two-week seminar for instructors

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — The Vocational Training Corporation (VTC) Saturday opened a two-week seminar for VTC instructors around the country.

VTC Director General Dr. Burhan Shreideh, who opened the first session, said within its 1986-1990 five-year plan the VTC will expand its vocational training programmes by training no less than 30,000 people.

Participants in the two-week seminar will hear lectures and do practical work on managing training programmes at vocational training centres and preparing training courses for students.

The VTC meanwhile announced that the door was now open for training courses at its centres in different parts of the country, and said at least 3,400 trainees will be accepted within an organised apprenticeship programme this year.

Shreideh said among the

apprentices will be 150 females to be absorbed by the vocational training centre for women in Marka.

Most of those to be recruited for the new courses will be students who completed the third preparatory stage at schools, but failed to pass the Ministry of Education's first secondary admission examinations in June.

The Ministry of Education

Saturday announced the results

of the admission examinations

taken by 63,834 students of whom

53,945 passed and will be accepted in secondary schools.

According to Shreideh, registration for apprenticeship

courses will begin Sunday.

On Thursday, the VTC

announced it had embarked on a

programme of free vocational training to all able-bodied Jordanians seeking employment in the construction business, hotel management, sales, and ready-made clothing industries.

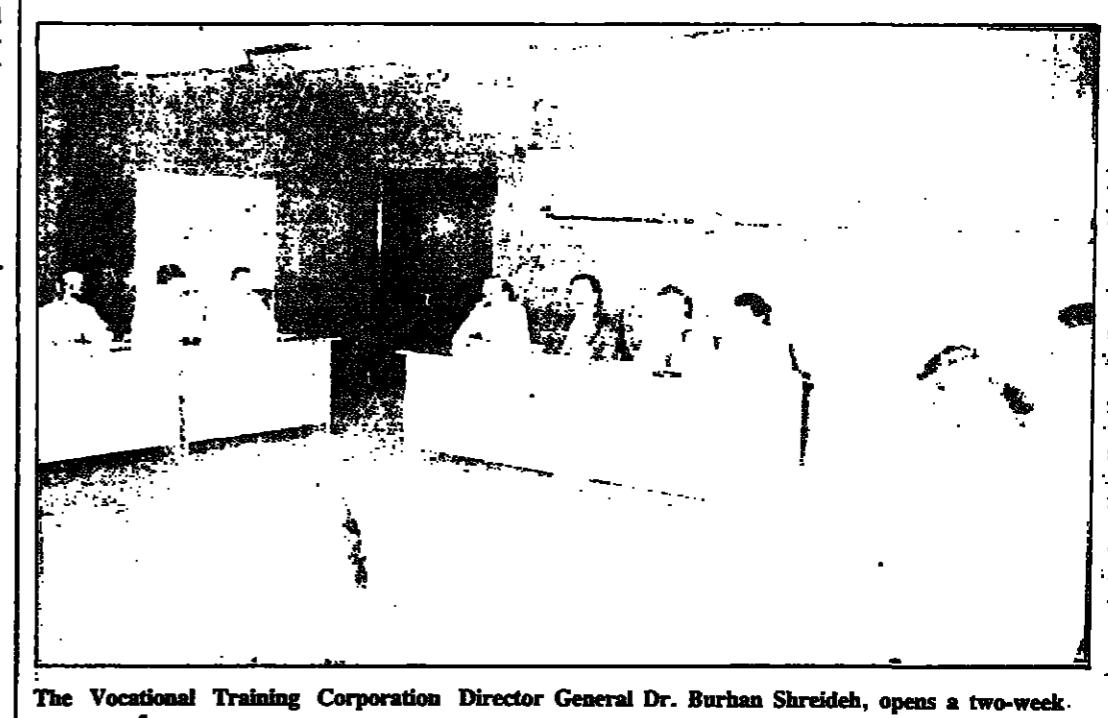
A statement said training for employment in these sectors lasts between two and five months and offers the participants sufficient skills.

VTC training programmes are being offered through 10 major centres and several smaller ones with apprentices under a comprehensive programme for young men and women, according to the statement.

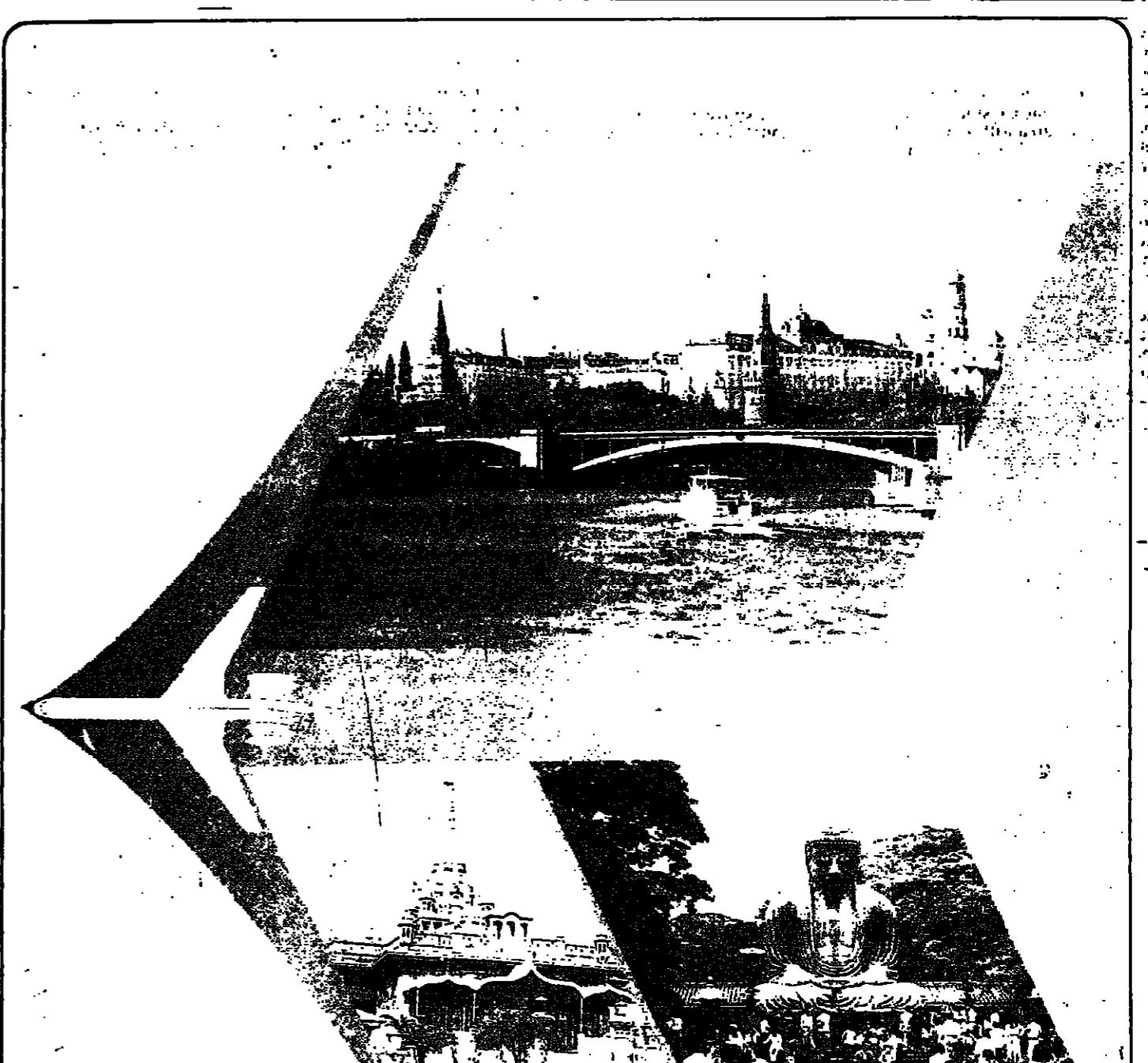
In the past 10 years, the VTC offered training to 11,000 apprentices

under a comprehensive programme for young men and women, according to the statement.

It said the VTC cooperates with institutions in the Jordanian private and public sector and has strong links with Arab and international organisations.



The Vocational Training Corporation Director General Dr. Burhan Shreideh, opens a two-week seminar for instructors (Petra photo)



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Waiting for the PLO

DURING the past week, prominent personalities, writers, columnists and ordinary citizens have expressed regret over Jordan's decision to respond to Arab and PLO demands by severing ties with the West Bank. The dismay over the breaking of unity between the two banks of Jordan was genuinely expressed. This is only a natural reaction. People, any people, adapt to such changing circumstances slowly and cautiously. The decision was forced on Jordan and this was repeatedly made clear by Jordan. Almost all Palestinian and Arab political circles and media have welcomed the decision. Meanwhile, Jordanians and Palestinians on both sides of the River Jordan, who might be adversely affected by the decision, are waiting in apprehension that borders on fear.

Thousands of employees in the West Bank have already lost their jobs. At the moment, they are waiting for their new employer, hopefully the PLO. In fact, not only the West Bank inhabitants are waiting for the PLO, but so is everybody else. Jordan has been waiting for the PLO for some time now.

We do not want to patronise the PLO; we would only like to remind it that it is improper to keep people waiting, especially one's own.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: Face the facts

BY Monday, the Palestinian uprising in the occupied Arab territories enters its ninth month and all indications point to the fact that the Palestinian people are continuing to step up their resistance activity against the occupation rule. Needless to say, the momentum of struggle against the Israelis and terrorism is a true expression of the Arab masses' determination to thwart the Israeli leadership's dreams and to attain freedom. The uprising has proven to the world that Israel is no longer in possession of the initiative in the Arab-Israeli conflict; and that sooner or later, the Israelis will have to face the facts and deal with realities. The uprising, which is now nearing the point where civil disobedience is becoming a reality, will continue, and will assume more elaborate forms until the national aspirations of the oppressed people have been achieved. For this reason, the need is great now for the Arab countries to adopt a common strategy in the face of the coming stage, as they wait for the international conference to be convened. The Arabs are now called upon to adopt a unified stand and take active and speedy measures designed to extend meaningful support and assistance to their kinsmen under Israeli rule.



Al Dustour: Enhancing Palestinian identity

JORDAN'S decision to sever legal and administrative ties with the West Bank should be viewed as being closely linked to Jordan's national and historic role regarding the Palestinian cause. The decision, coming from a country that has been constantly committed to Arab causes and serving national interest, is a part of the Kingdom's endeavours to enhance the Palestinian identity and the oppressed people's steadfastness and resistance. Jordan has been a haven for Palestinian refugees and a staunch supporter of Palestinian rights and interests. There is no doubt, then, that the Arab people in general and the Palestinians in particular appreciate the Kingdom's long standing efforts and support for their just causes, and the great sacrifices it offered in the service of the Arab Nation. Jordan, which is acting in the spirit of the Great Arab Revolt and its principles, takes pride in its services to the Arab World and continues to adhere to its national goals which it hopes to achieve under King Hussein's guidance and directives.

Sawt Al Shaab: The sole representative

JORDAN'S decision to sever legal and administrative ties with the West Bank came after consultations with the PLO, and anyone claiming otherwise must be ignorant of or absent from the deliberations of Arab leaders at the Arab Summit meetings and the Jordanian-PLO meetings. We do not want any Arab circle to give adverse interpretations of the facts; and we do not want such circles to offer a service to the Zionist propaganda machinery in this respect. We also do not want any one to misinterpret or misunderstand the Jordanian decisions and measures with regard to the West Bank, because they actually came in response to and in harmony with the resolutions of Arab Summit meetings, which reaffirmed that the PLO remains the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. The Arabs have been insisting that the PLO assume this status ever since the Rabat Summit in 1974. Jordan has responded favourably to this demand and decided to open the way for the PLO to assume its full responsibilities before the whole world. Therefore, we expect the PLO to deal with the Jordanian decisions and their results with a spirit of responsibility so that no adverse effects will be imposed on the oppressed people of Palestine and their current uprising.

Sunday's Economic Pulse

Determining economic liquidity

By Dr. Fahed Fanek

ONE of the most crucial objectives of the monetary policy practised by any central bank is to influence the level of liquidity in the domestic economy. Central banks employ certain instruments to achieve this objective, such as the ratio of cash reserves to be held at the central bank, the rediscount rate, and the open market operations. Thus, central banks were always able to either pump more liquidity or suck excess liquidity as they see fit based on whether or not the liquidity is lacking or in excess.

The Central Bank of Jordan is fully aware that some of the above-mentioned traditional monetary instruments are not effective in the Jordanian environment. That is why CBJ is always looking for other instruments such as fixing interest rates, swap operations, refinancing arrangements, and direct administrative intervention.

Before we discuss the importance of the monetary policy, the effectiveness of various traditional and administrative tools, and the need for the Central Bank to influence the level of liquidity in the Jordanian economy, we have to determine whether the current liquidity in the national economy is too high, too low, or just right. We have also to agree on whether the Central Bank should, under the current situation, create more liquidity or absorb part of it.

In a recent lecture delivered by Dr. Maher Shukri, deputy governor of the Central Bank of Jordan, hosted by the Association of the Amman Financial Market Intermediaries, justification was given for the new regulations issued to reorganise and enhance a secondary

market for government bonds. He expressed the strong desire of the Central Bank to have effective tools which could be used to influence the volume of liquidity in the economy.

We asked the deputy governor what the Central Bank would have done with this tool if it were available today. Would the Central Bank use the tool to increase or to reduce the liquidity? In other words, is the current liquidity in the economy, as perceived by the Central Bank, too high or too low? The answer was, I do not know. More specifically, I cannot answer on the spot, as the subject has to undergo a study.

The judgment on whether or not the current level of liquidity is appropriate or not, then, is not yet determined. No one knows for sure whether we need more or less liquidity to enable the economy to grow without inflation while protecting the current account of the balance of payments from bigger deficits. There is no consensus on whether the Central Bank should intervene to influence the level of liquidity, much less on whether such intervention should be on the give or take side.

Needless to say, the level of liquidity in the economy is something, while the rate of liquidity of the banking system is something else. The two indicators should not be confused. We can definitely see a case where the economy is too liquid, while the liquidity of the banks is running at the bare minimum. We venture to say this is the case at the present.

The fact that liquidity ratios in banks and financial corporations are low can be demonstrated by calculating the rate after excluding offshore deposits and the 100 per cent coverage that should be mentioned in the same currencies and for matching durations. The ratio of liquidity in local currency is definitely low if positive. We can also judge the liquidity of banks by knowing the volume of loans and deposits extended by the Central Bank to support the liquidity of certain banks and finance corporations.

On the other hand, the fact that liquidity in the national economy is very high can be established by calculating the ratio of money supply to the gross national product at market prices. The ratio of money supply as narrowly defined M1 is 60 per cent in Jordan compared to 20 per cent in an advanced country such as the United States.

The ratio of money supply as loosely defined M2 is 145 per cent of the GNP (Gross National Product) in Jordan compared to 75 per cent only in the United States. In other words, the liquidity in the Jordanian economy is two to three times the liquidity in the American economy in relative terms.

I am aware that I am touching on a subject that before now was never approached. The above ideas were never tested, let alone accepted or challenged. The monetary policy makers and the economic analysts are invited to comment. Before we use whatever monetary instruments, shouldn't we determine where we stand and where we want to go from here?

Walking a tightrope in Germany

By Rayna Moss

WHEN I told friends in Israel that I was going to West Germany on a speaking tour, reactions were a mixture of jealousy at having the chance to get out of the country for a while, and unbelieving stares. "How can you bear to go there to speak about our peace movement? All the Germans want to talk about is their guilt about the Holocaust and why it's impossible for them to criticise Israel!"

When I repeated these remarks to the organisers of my tour, a German-Palestinian women's union, they laughingly groaned in agreement. But it seemed that the subject of Israel had, if anything, become more delicate than ever. In one case, a journalist dithered for over 30 minutes before gathering the courage to ask if the imprisoned Derech HaNitzotz journalists are "of the Arabic or Israeli nationality." And this was not an isolated incident. A German Jewish journalist asked me at the end of a two hour interview if I had anything to add. I said that I would like to comment on the issue of whether Germans could criticise the Israeli government.

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"Well, that has nothing to do with joint activities of Israeli and Palestinian women," he said, and hurriedly shut off his tape recorder.

"Even Amnesty International activists, who have no hesitations about accusing governments around the world of abusing human rights, feel in Germany that Israel must be treated with special care."

The German Jewish activists find themselves in an extremely delicate position. One told me that during the Lebanon war he helped organise demonstrations denouncing the Israeli invasion, and was bitterly hurt when some "ultra-radicals" appeared with placards showing Begin's face on a swastika. Today he will not join any demonstration on the Palestinian issue, voicing his solidarity only in occasional writings on the subject. At a meeting on the peace process in the Middle East, the Palestinians told of a Jewish couple who, shocked by the massacre in Lebanon, printed and distributed posters against the invasion synagogues and Jewish community centres. As a result they have been ostracised from their community.

Our delegation as a whole, whose aim was to get support for the intifada as well as for a peace programme based on the establishment of a Palestinian state, found it frustrating to have to repeat over and again why it does not help the Jewish people to disregard human rights violations or support Israel's wars. Yet we also found we walked a tightrope — Middle East International, London.

Restlessness growing in Philippines

By Robert H. Reid
The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — In a stark tableau, the frail old man who helped make a housewife president lectured his former protégé on the failure of her administration to bring justice and change to a nation recovering from 20 years of misrule.

"You will recall that the thirst for justice was and remains the utmost desire of our people," newspaper publisher Joaquin Roces, 75, told President Corazon Aquino in a speech after she awarded him the legion of honour last week.

"If we... show the slightest sign that we too adopt one standard for the wrongdoer who is poor and without connections, and another for the criminal who is rich and well connected, then we would be proven liars," said Roces.

Charges that the Aquino administration has failed to live up to expectations of reform, social justice and progress are now new.

They have been aired in an unrestrained Philippine press virtually from the moment a popular uprising toppled President Ferdinand Marcos' 20-year administration in February 1986 and propelled Mrs. Aquino into office.

But such chiding was all the more dramatic coming from Roces, the dean of the Philippine press, one of Mrs. Aquino's strongest supporters and a leading figure in marshalling opposition to Marcos.

As publisher of the Manila Times, Roces gave Mrs. Aquino's late husband Benigno his first job as a war correspondent during the Korean conflict.

In 1985, Roces convinced Mrs. Aquino to run for president and organised the nationwide petition drive that put the former housewife on the ballot.

New order

But in his speech, Roces said public service in the Philippines was still all too often used for "self-aggrandizement and service to vested interests, relatives and friends."

"It was not rice, roads, bridges, water, electricity and other such mundane things that people expected of us," Roces said. "It was, and is much more: A new moral order."

Public expressions of disappointment and restlessness are increasing amid new allegations of official corruption, the slow pace of reform and human rights violations in the 19-year Communist insurgency.

There also appear to be the stirrings of disenchantment over not only the ability of the leadership to govern but also the integrity of those who govern, wrote the economic daily Business World in a recent front-

page commentary.

Even critics acknowledge that the Aquino administration can point to notable accomplishments during its more than two years in power.

They include ratification of a new, liberal constitution and restoration of a freely elected, bicameral legislature. Last year the economy grew by 5.5 per cent, although inflation has also tripled to about 9 per cent over the previous year.

Communist rebels still control thousands of villages and even stage assassinations in the capital. But leftist sources admit that the recent arrests of seven top guerrilla leaders were a major setback.

Last month, congress enacted a land reform bill after nearly a year's debate. Critics claim the programme favours landowners and falls far short of the goals of improving the lives of 4 million landless peasants.

Human rights violations

But human rights violations continue, and the government has still not prosecuted military members accused of human rights violations under the Marcos

administration.

This month, the American Bar Association, in a letter to Mrs. Aquino, expressed concern over the murders of two of five human rights lawyers slain during the past nine months. No one has been convicted of any of the killings.

Also, no one has been convicted in the January 1987 killing of 12 protesters shot dead by police and marines during a march on the presidential palace for land reform.

Maj.-Gen. Ramon Montano, the senior officer in the area during the killings, was promoted last year to commander of the Philippine Constabulary, the country's paramilitary national police.

Some Western diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, generally applauded Mrs. Aquino's style and say that more decisive moves on such issues as land reform and the insurgency would have heightened, not reduced, social tensions.

They attribute much of the disappointment to lack of political realism among social activists, impatience in a youthful society and the residual effects of 20 years of dramatic, albeit ineffective,

gestures by Marcos.

But the heady days of the 1986 "Edsa revolution," as the uprising against Marcos is known here, raised high expectations of change among the 59 million Filipinos.

But two years after Marcos' ouster, the country is still bedeviled by petty corruption, bureaucratic red tape, and widespread poverty which afflicts nearly 70 per cent of the population.

Corruption

Some observers believe that continued widespread poverty may be responsible in part for growing resentment over alleged official corruption.

In a nation where millions live in makeshift shanties, the spectacle of a small urban elite, driving chauffeured cars and living in posh neighbourhoods, encourages the belief that wealth must have been gained illegally.

"Although legal proof of graft and corruption is still hard to come by, the growing public perception is that cases of these twin evils have been aggravated," said Business World.

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King: Decision serves Palestinian cause

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ian state on Palestinian soil." "These misguided efforts have gone as far as giving wrong accounts of the population in Jordan and percentages," the King said. "All these plots fall into the stream of efforts to create conflict in a land which is not Palestine," he said.

The King called for continued support of the Palestinian people and their blessed uprising until it reaches its

objectives. He also urged efforts to abort moves aimed at undermining "our blessed and sacred national unity under which all citizens are equal in rights and obligations."

"There is no distinction between one citizen from another," the King said. "The people of this country will equally share all its offers and there is no room except for

equal rights and equal obligations."

Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, in his name and in the name of all ministers, expressed pride in the trust of His Majesty and pledged to continue to implement His Majesty's directives, whether on the national or pan-Arab level.

The Cabinet meeting was attended by Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem.

Cabinet undergoes limited reshuffle

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reshuffle since Rifai was appointed premier by King Hussein in April 1985.

Kanaan has served as director of education in the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). He held a ministerial post in the government of Ahmad Obaidat which preceded the Rifai government and also served as member of the now-defunct National Consultative Council.

Toukan served as professor at the University of Jordan.

Committee abolished

In another decision in implementation of the Jordanian move to sever legal and administrative links with the West Bank, the cabinet announced Saturday that the Higher Committee for West Bank affairs was abolished. The committee was set up in 1972.

The committee was specifically responsible for the various administrative, financial and social affairs in the West Bank. The committee also supervised the traffic of people and goods between both banks of River Jordan.

The King announced Sunday

that Jordan was severing legal and administrative ties with the West Bank in compliance with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) wishes and Arab summit resolutions and to allow the PLO to shoulder its responsibilities in full as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

PLO team due Thursday

A senior PLO official in Jordan told the Jordan Times Saturday that a high-level PLO delegation was scheduled to arrive here Thursday for discussions. He did not say who will head the delegation but agency reports indicated that it could be Mahmoud Abbas, a member of the PLO Executive Committee. The PLO official in Amman said: "Our relationship with Jordan is special... we are partners, and the Palestinian delegation due to arrive here on Thursday will discuss PLO coordination with Jordan."

"We are committed to the special relationship between the PLO and Jordan (and) we are committed to the unity... and a confederation with Jordan," he said. He added: "The final decision will be made clear after this week's talks in Amman."

Government-in-exile

In reply to a question on reports of proposals to announce a Palestinian government-in-exile, the official said: "I think that the PLO is not ready at this time to adopt such a measure."

He pointed out that any such measure would "need Arab and international acceptance and recognition."

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Passports

He said he believed that Jordan would not withdraw Jordanian passports issued to residents of the West Bank. "It is an Arab problem," he said.

"I am sure that that no Jordanian of Palestinian origin carrying a valid Jordanian passport will lose his passport... this is a direct statement from the Jordanian minister of interior," he said.

A senior Jordanian official, who also preferred anonymity, quoted by the Associated Press Saturday as saying that "Jordan will stay committed to the rights of all of its citizens, regardless of origin, unless the PLO asks the contrary."

"Any citizen who holds a Jordanian passport, wherever he resides and regardless of his origin, is a son of this country and part of our big family," the official said.

The official affirmed that Jordan "will continue to provide the people of the West Bank with all the social services they need and will never deny them such rights."

He was referring to civil documents — marriage, death and birth certificates etc. — that the Kingdom provided through its institutions in the West Bank despite the Israeli occupation."

Uprising leaders' 'options'

According to reports from the West Bank, leaders of the Palestinian uprising may declare an independent state following Jordan's decision to sever ties with the West Bank.

Sources quoted by Reuters said this was among three options

under study by the underground leaders.

Issuing a "declaration of independence" for a Palestinian state under occupation in the West Bank would be designed to bring pressure on the international community to recognise Palestinian self-determination.

The second option was forming a government-in-exile, which has been discussed in PLO circles for years.

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Iraq to privatise 47 firms

BAGHDAD (R) — The Iraqi government is to sell off 47 state-run factories across the country in a drive to boost private industry, a Baghdad newspaper reported Saturday.

The English-language Baghdad Observer said Hussein Kamel, newly-appointed minister of industry and military industrialisation, announced the decision at a recent meeting with a group of businessmen.

"The sale of factories to the private sector is designed to give a wider role for this sector in pushing forward Iraq's economic development," Kamel was quoted as saying.

He said that if private business were not interested in buying the factories, the government would form them into cooperatives with shares initially sold to employees.

The paper gave no details of the factories but business sources said they mostly made textile, plastic and aluminium products.

Kamel said the Military Industry Commission, which he also

heads, had prepared a large fleet of heavy trucks for private sale to companies or individuals.

"The objective is to facilitate the export of Iraqi goods, commodities and raw materials to Arab and foreign markets," Kamel said.

"The fleet will hopefully undertake to transport Iraqi imports which currently cost the country large sums in hard currency," he added.

The Military Industry Commission runs a high-technology network making heavy equipment for military and civilian use —

including Iraq's Al Hussein missile which it used to bombard Iran during the war of the cities which halted in April.

Kamel said the importers would be allowed to pay 60 per cent of the cost of imported machinery to foreign suppliers in hard currency, instead of the present 50 per cent. This was to encourage investment in the private sector.

He called on Iraqi businessmen to explore new areas of enterprise with an emphasis on making components essential for existing national industries.

Jordan toughens terms for contractors

AMMAN (Petra) — Contractors with no valid classification certificates from the concerned authorities would not be allowed to purchase tender documents nor will they be allowed to take part in bid-offering for government tenders, according to an official communiqué issued by the prime minister's office Saturday.

The communiqué ruled that contractors who have been awarded tenders should honour all the terms of their contracts and duly carry them out; and should not endorse them to other contractors against a commission.

The communiqué also made it clear that a contractor should be present at the site of any project under construction and should not entrust any agent or technical team, provided by other contractors, to supervise the implementation of the project.

It said that the concerned authorities will not accept any tender guarantees except only under names of persons or companies involved in the tender or to whom a given tender had been awarded.

New Lebanese liras to ease paper burden

BEIRUT (R) — Lebanon will ease the burden of harassed shoppers carrying huge wads of deviated paper money when it circulates new large-unit banknotes this week.

A central bank statement Saturday said the banknotes for 500 and 1,000 Lebanese liras would be issued Wednesday, not because of the economic climate but "to facilitate the citizen's everyday transactions."

It did not give the total value of the new issues, which have been printed in London.

The Lebanese lira, once the strongest currency in the Middle

East, plunged in the last four years in the face of high inflation, political instability and continuing civil war.

It was worth four to the U.S. dollar in early 1984. Friday, it closed at around 350 to the dollar.

The highest-denomination banknote in circulation now is 250 liras (70 cents), and many people carry their money in bags.

Cash. The central bank cancelled plans to float the new notes last year because, economists said, it might have sparked market hysteria.

UAE bank wants better Soviet ties

MOSCOW (R) — One of the United Arab Emirates' (UAE) biggest bank is prepared to finance joint ventures with Soviet partners and consider fresh credits for Soviet banks, its chairman said in an interview published Saturday.

Suror Ibn Sultan Al Dhaheri, chairman of the Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank, told the official news agency TASS during a visit

here that the bank was studying further financial and commercial cooperation with the Soviet Union.

"The Abu Dhabi Commercial bank is prepared to finance the creation of joint ventures of Soviet and foreign partners," Al Dhaheri said.

Following the success of a \$50 million credit granted to the Soviet Union in April the bank

would be prepared to consider further such requests from Soviet be added.

"The Soviet Union enjoys the reputation of a reliable borrower," he added.

Al Dhaheri proposed the creation of a direct air link between Abu Dhabi and Samarkand, a major Muslim cultural centre in Soviet Central Asia as a means of boosting tourism between the two countries.

New study forecasts sharp drop in world grain supplies

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The world's stockpile of grain will drop so sharply there is likely to be less food available at the end of this year than at almost any other time this century, a private institute predicted Saturday.

"The only time this century the world has faced such a tight food situation was in 1972," said Lester Brown, president of Worldwatch — a private body funded in part by the United Nations — in the latest issue of institute's magazine.

Grain stocks at the end of this

year could fall to 54 days of world consumption — below a 57-day level in 1973 that more than doubled grain prices.

The fall is the steepest ever recorded and follows searing drought in the United States, Canada and China.

Brown said drought would reduce the 1988 North American grain harvest by about a quarter, or some 84 million tons, from last year.

"In China, which ranks a close second to the United States as a food producer, severe drought

conditions could easily reduce the harvest by one-eighth, or 30 million tons," he said.

But India's harvest could rise by 24 million tons, the Soviet Union's by more than four million tons and Europe's (East and West) by as much as 17 million tons, Brown said.

There was little evidence of change in Africa and Australia and the fall in the global harvest could be some 76 million tons below 1987 levels, which were down 85 million tons from the preceding year, he said.

Riyadh widens bond trading

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — The Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) is now permitting the kingdom's 12 commercial banks to use the government's development bonds in mutual fund offerings to Saudi nationals, bankers said Saturday.

The decision will give Saudis another opportunity to invest in their country and "may make the bonds more attractive to banks since it gives us another way to use them," a Saudi banker noted.

The bonds, which are designed to help defray Saudi Arabia's projected 35-billion-rial (\$9.3 billion) budget deficit this year, were initially offered only to the state-owned Civil Service Pension Fund and the General Organisation for Social Insurance.

SAMA began offering the bonds to commercial banks June 11, with yields on par with U.S. treasury bonds. However, the banks were not allowed to sell the bonds and financial sources in the

kingdom maintain that the initial offerings were undersubscribed. SAMA issues 1.5 billion riyals in one-year through five-year bonds twice monthly. The fourth issue was tendered last Saturday. It plans to issue a total of 30 billion riyals (\$8 billion).

SAMA, which effectively is the kingdom's central bank, began exploring the creation of a secondary market for the government bonds last month. It asked banks to submit the names of possible institutional investors and has already told bankers that they can offer bonds to investors approved by SAMA.

SAMA has also sought to generate primary-market interest in the bonds when it began a modest repurchase programme Aug. 1 which allows commercial banks to resell 10 per cent of their total bond exposures back to the agency.

The kingdom moved to issue bonds this year after relying heavily on capital reserves in recent years to finance a debt precipitated annually since oil prices began to drop in the early 1980's.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Roma set to sign second Brazilian

ROME (R) — Brazilian midfielder Andrade is set to join Italian first division soccer club Roma after 19 years with Flamengo of Rio de Janeiro. Roma spokesman Pierpaolo Marino said Andrade was due in Rome Monday to wrap up details of a one-year contract. Club sources valued the deal at about one million dollars. "All that remains is to formalise agreements that already exist and we will do that next week," Marino said. Jorge Luis Andrade da Silva has spent his entire professional career with Flamengo and joined the first team in 1979 after starting as an apprentice. At Roma, he will join West German striker Rudi Völler and Flamengo teammate Renato Portoluppi, whose transfer was announced previously. Roma had to cede Danish midfielder Klaus Berggreen to buy Andrade because of rules which limit the number of foreign players in an Italian first division club to three. Berggreen's old home club Lyngby has said he will return there until Oct. 1 pending a possible move to another foreign club.

Cruyff finally gets licence

AMSTERDAM (R) — Johan Cruyff, 41, former Dutch soccer captain, was finally given a trainers licence this week — three years after he began guiding some of Europe's top clubs. The slender, cigarette-smoking Cruyff trained Dutch sides Roda JC Kerkrade and Ajax Amsterdam before moving to Spanish team Barcelona — all the time without an official licence. He also wrote a weekly training column in the largest Dutch daily newspaper De Telegraaf. But the Dutch football association (KNVB) said a full licence could be issued only with the permission of the sports minister because Cruyff had not served an apprenticeship. The situation was finally remedied Friday when KNVB chairman Jo van Marle presented Cruyff with the official papers in Rotterdam. "We felt Cruyff had earned the licence because of his merits to soccer, but we needed ministerial approval before we could give the licence," he said.

Ollerton charged with punching referee

MELBOURNE (R) — Former Australian international Peter Ollerton is to appear before Victoria's soccer authorities Wednesday charged with punching the referee during a second division soccer match a week ago. Ollerton, who played for Australia in the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany, is alleged to have struck the referee on the head after being ordered off for using abusive language. In another incident Saturday, a referee was taken to hospital after an assault during a Victorian third division match. The match between Clarinda and Springvale United was scoreless when two Springvale players allegedly attacked the referee who immediately abandoned the game.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN
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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦AQ186 ♦7 ♠AJ83 ♣762 Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What do you respond?

Q.2 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦KQJ872 ♠K73 ♠8 ♣K6 The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass
? What do you bid now?

Q.3 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♦K52 ♠AK6 ♠AQ3 ♣763 Partner opens the bidding with one heart. What do you respond?

Q.4 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦K52 ♠AK6 ♠AQ3 ♣763 Partner opens the bidding with one club. What do you respond?

THE BETTER HALF. By Harris



JUMBLE THAT SCRABBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

DAMMA

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SLOMBY

CREEFI

I find some hidden weakness in his work

WHAT THE POTTER WAS NOTED FOR.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: HIS "OOOOO" OF OOOOO

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumble: ARRAY HAVOC NEEDLE JOCKEY

Answer: Why it's so easy to milk a cow — ANY "JERK" CAN DO IT

Bologna pays \$1m for Chilean star

SANTIAGO (R) — Bologna and Chile's Colo Colo have agreed on a one-million-dollar deal — a Chilean record figure — for the transfer of star forward Hugo Rubio to the Italian club, Chilean Soccer Federation officials said. The deal, finalised Thursday night, had been delayed by a dispute between Colo Colo and Chile's Cobreloa, Rubio's former club, which claimed Colo Colo were trying to renege on an agreement giving them the right to a share of any future transfer fee. Under the agreement, Colo Colo will receive \$790,000, Cobreloa \$110,000 and the 28-year-old Rubio, who is already in Italy, \$118,000. Bologna were promoted to the Italian first division last season.

Tunisia outclasses Guinea

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — Jamel-Eddine Limam scored two late goals in the 83rd and 85th minutes Friday night to cap a 5-0 Tunisian thrashing of Guinea in the first round of Africa Zone eliminations for the 1990 World Cup of soccer. The halftime score was 2-0. The match, officiated by a trio of Egyptians led by referee Hossam Eddine, was every bit as lopsided as the score indicated, with the Tunisians totally dominating the play and the Guinean side showing a serious lack of coordination and offensive punch. As about 30,000 spectators looked on, Bessam Jeridi opened the scoring with a goal in the 21st minute. That was followed by a penalty netted by Nabil Masmali in the 35th minute, rounding out first the first half. The third goal, first of the second half, was scored by Kais Yakkouti in the 77th minute, leaving Limam to complete the job with his two rapid goals. The return match between the two teams is scheduled for Aug. 21 in Conakry.

Mexico beats Irish soccer team

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Alfonso Sosa and Octavio Mora scored goals in the second half to lead the Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico, to a 3-0 victory over the Irish Olympic team Friday night in the second game of the Marlboro Soccer Cup of Los Angeles. In the first game, Carlos Castaneda scored on a header 16 minutes into the second half to give Guatemala's Olympic team a 2-1 victory over El Salvador's Olympic squad before a crowd of 18,791 at the coliseum. Guatemala will face the Universidad de Guadalajara in the championship game Sunday. Ireland will play El Salvador for third place.

Paez wins IBF featherweight title

MEXICALI, Mexico (AP) — Jorge "Maromero" Paez of Mexico won the International Boxing Federation (IBF) featherweight title Thursday, defeating Calvin Grove of the United States in a 15-round split decision. Paez has won 22 of his 23 professional fights. Judge Jim Taylor scored the fight at 142-142 tie, judge David McAllough scored it 143-140 in favour of Paez and judge Robert Gonzalez scored it 142-140 for Paez. Paez is the first Mexican to hold the IBF title. The fight took place in the Cafrena bullfighting ring in the capital of the western state of Baja California.

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 1988

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

From the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You can get a good start early this Sunday by communicating with those you want to be with. Do any studying or research regarding your interests. Be direct and precise to get your ideas across clearly.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) The morning is the best time for visiting. Later a new acquaintance and an old friend should be kept apart to avoid a problem.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You will have good ideas regarding property matters; things should work out beautifully. Don't get caught in the middle of a dispute.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Share your friends with your associates; they value their loyalty today. Tonight steer clear of someone who makes you feel sad.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Discussions with close friends will help you become more practical and successful. Plan the future wisely, and stop getting into debt. Use tact with your mate.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Have fun with good friends this morning. After lunch please your mate and solve a problem bothering him or her. You have a flair for this.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 21) Get

an early start taking care of outside affairs vital to your welfare, but handle responsibility at home tonight. Be careful in meetings.

LIBRA (Sept. 22 to Oct. 22) Put that new idea in operation this morning for positive results. You can make new acquaintances during the day.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Discussions with experts in practical matters can give you good ideas how to handle your own affairs. Take a long-term budget.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Study your debts and do something about them. Collect money owed to you. Find a new outlet for greater income.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Share your friends with your associates; they value their loyalty today. Tonight steer clear of someone who makes you feel sad.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) To spend the morning with cheerful people who make you feel better, but later help someone in trouble. Work around the house.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Assist your family in making your home more charming. Later handle important outside duties. Lend a helping hand to a superior.

Baseball Standings

NEW YORK (AP) — Major league baseball standings after Friday's games:

American League East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Detroit	65	43	.582	—
Boston	62	46	.574	3
New York	50	46	.566	4
Milwaukee	55	55	.500	11
Toronto	54	58	.461	12
Cleveland	52	57	.477	13½
Baltimore	36	72	.333	28

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	68	42	.618	—
Minnesota	61	47	.585	6
Califonia	56	53	.514	11½
Kansas City	54	54	.500	13
Texas	47	59	.443	19
Chicago	48	61	.440	19½
St. Louis	41	68	.376	26½

National League East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	65	43	.602	—
Pittsburgh	60	48	.556	5
Montreal	58	49	.542	6½
Chicago	52	55	.486	12½
Philadelphia	47	61	.435	18
St. Louis	47	61	.435	18

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	61	46	.570	—
Houston	59	49	.546	2½
San Francisco	51	52	.474	7½
Cincinnati	54	54	.500	7½
San Diego	50	59	.459	12
Atlanta	37	71	.343	24½

McEnroe survives U.S. hardcourts tennis match

INDIANAPOLIS (Agencies) — John McEnroe survived a shaky start to overcome qualifier Michael Robertson 7-5, 6-2 Friday night at the rain-delayed \$415,000 U.S. Hardcourts Tennis Tournament.

Play was suspended twice for a total of 5½ hours when heavy thunderstorms lashed the Indianapolis sports centre.

Top seed Boris Becker rolled past Yahiya Douniba 6-2, 6-3 in their one-hour quarterfinal match.

Robertson, a South African who played college tennis at Miami, Florida, jumped out to a 3-0 lead against the fifth seed.

He was serving at 4-4, 30-all when McEnroe netted a forehand and Robertson fired an ace for a 5-4 advantage.

McEnroe, who received a warning from chair umpire Rudy Berger for slamming a ball onto the court and a point penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct, eventually settled down to win his service at 40-40 in the 11th game and took the set 7-5.

But the New Yorker knocked over his chair in anger during a changeover after Robertson led 1-0 in the second set.

McEnroe and Robertson did not reach the stadium court for their match until nearly 11:30 p.m. (2330 GMT). "You can't control the weather but it's absurd for me to play this late and come back at 1," McEnroe said. "I've been making an extra effort, and I'd like to see some slack the other way."

McEnroe will play his semifinal match early Saturday afternoon.

Becker needed just 65 minutes

later, in the quarterfinals, ninth-seeded Luiz Mattar of Brazil then subdued the Argentinian 7-6, 6-3.

Mancini, who was 15th seeded in the current tournament, is in 54th place in world rankings, 43 places behind Leconte.

In other quarterfinal action Friday, second-seeded Guillermo Perez-Roldan of Argentina downed Jordi Arrese of Spain, seeded tenth, 6-4, 4-6, 6-0, while another Spaniard, fourth-seeded Emilio Sanchez, eliminated sixth-seeded Thomas Muster of Austria 6-1, 6-7 (5-7), 6-4.

In the last quarterfinal meet Friday, third-seeded Kent Carlsson of Sweden defeated Marian Vajda of Czechoslovakia 6-2, 6-4.

This meant that all Austrians and all Czechoslovak players were ousted from the tournament before Saturday's semifinals.

In the semifinals, Perez-Roldan, now the tournament favourite, meets Carlson and Sanchez plays Mattar.

Graham gets to semifinals

Accord reached on Angola truce

JOHANNESBURG (Agencies) — Negotiators have agreed on a ceasefire between South African and Cuban-Angolan forces in Angola, as well as a mutual pullback of troops, a newspaper reported Saturday.

Delegations from the three countries announced Friday in Geneva that they had agreed on an unspecified "sequence of steps" for peace in southwestern Africa. Details are to be disclosed next week after the negotiators report to their governments.

The Star, South Africa's largest daily, said the steps included a ceasefire.

It said that South African troops were to withdraw from southern Angola, where they have been aiding the UNITA rebel movement, and that Cuban forces were to withdraw to at least 100 kilometres north of Angola's border with Namibia.

Angola-based guerrillas of the South-West African People's Organisation (SWAPO), the main guerrilla group fighting for Namibian independence, also

would be required to pull away from the border, the Star said.

The four-day session in Geneva was the fifth round of U.S.-mediated talks since May aimed at resolving the 13-year-old war in Angola and bringing about independence for Namibia.

Another round of talks is scheduled within three weeks, with the exact date and location to be announced.

On Tuesday, South Africa unveiled a proposal calling for an Aug. 10 ceasefire in Angola and independence for Namibia by June 1 if Cuba withdraws its estimated 50,000 troops from Angola by that date.

Angola and Cuba declared the proposals unacceptable and accused Foreign Minister Piki Botha of breaking a confidentiality agreement by announcing the

offer in Pretoria.

South Africa proposed a ceasefire in Angola from next Wednesday and independence for Namibia by June next year.

The offer was conditional on the Cuban troops leaving Angola by next June and on the removal of anti-South African bases from Angola.

The quarrel was quickly patched up. Angola and Cuba put forward secret counter-proposals and negotiators got down to some of the hardest bargaining since the four-nation talks began last May. The talks ran into an unscheduled fourth day.

Cuba previously offered to withdraw its troops from Angola over a four-year period. The troops have helped the government fight UNITA, which receives military aid from South Africa and the United States.

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change will come about in Angola," he said Friday.

The parties in the talks announced in July a joint document in which Cuba, Angola and South Africa accepted a set of 14 "principles" as a framework for a settlement.

The document does not mention the role of UNITA, SWAPO or the African National Congress, the main black group fighting white rule in South Africa.

South Africa, in its Tuesday proposals, called for the dismantling of seven guerrilla camps that it said were operated in Angola by the congress.

It was not clear whether the role of these organisations was addressed in Geneva.

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Women demonstrators sing a song while displaying church outside the Lambeth conference centre in placards highlighting attitudes to women in the Canterbury.

Runcie says conference a success

CANTERBURY (AP) — Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie, leader of the world's 70 million Anglicans, told the closing session of the Lambeth Conference of Bishops Saturday that it had been called an "impossible" conference but had been a success.

"Some thought this conference was impossible. Reason and experience suggested we would fall apart. But keeping our eyes on the Lord we have not sunk," the archbishop said in the text of his speech released in advance.

Runcie did not directly refer to the controversial issue of the likely consecration of the church's first woman bishop, which critics said would break up the three-week conference in Canterbury, wrecking the Anglican communion.

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which want to keep the all-male episcopate, causing the Anglican communion to decline into a loose federation, with some churches or dioceses breaking away.

ion of 27 self-governing churches covering 164 countries.

Runcie said: "I hope I speak for many others beside myself in testifying that this conference has for me created spiritual energy and fresh vision."

Other issues at the first meeting for 10 years of the Anglican bishops were overshadowed by the question of female bishops. The Anglican churches in the United States, Canada, and New Zealand have said they may consecrate female bishops this year.

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compromise resolution which by a 423-28 vote pledged the church to respect one another's decisions and instructed him to set up and head a commission to examine relations between the churches when a woman bishop is consecrated.

After three weeks of debate

over issues of poverty, injustice, militarism and war, Runcie was

optimistic:

"Common life — that is what

we have experienced here, a com-

mon life which lies at the heart of

the communion," he said.

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) — Brazil, rocked by scandals over baby stealers, has a new problem — kidnappers. The three-month old lion cub Simba was stolen from his cage at a circus in the centre of Rio Monday. Circus manager Tabajara Pimenta said he feared the cub, adopted as the troupe's mascot after his birth there, would be sold. "I knew they were stealing babies in Brazil, but a lion is something else," Pimenta told reporters.

Kenya bans erotic video tapes

NAIROBI (AP) — The government has banned 193 erotic video tapes from public or private viewing, including one adapted from D.H. Lawrence's novel "Lady Chatterley's Lover," Nairobi newspapers reported Saturday. It became illegal to possess or show the films after the government Friday printed a list of the banned films in the Kenya Gazette. The films include "Behind the Green Door," "Nude Jello Wrestling Special," and series of films entitled "Caligula," "Cinderella 2000" and "Electric Blue." Government officials also warned that they would make spot checks at homes to inspect private video collections.

'Baker knows a lot of big words'

WASHINGTON (R) — Vice President George Bush suggested Friday he expected to reap a campaign windfall from outgoing Treasury Secretary James Baker heading his campaign because Baker knows a lot of big words. "Look, how many candidates will have a chairman of their campaign that can explain to the American people disintermediation, the snake and special drawing rights?" Bush said at a news conference. "Think about that now." Bush was responding to a question on what made him think he could beat Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, the Democratic presidential nominee. Bush left the news conference before anyone could ask him to explain the terms himself.

Jealous snake given to zoo

LONDON (R) — A man who gave his jealous pet snake to a zoo after it threatened to break up his love life was told the reptile could have killed him. Mark Benham said his pet, a four-metre long Burmese Python, insisted on lying between him and his girlfriend when they sat together and took to squeezing him tightly around the waist. His girlfriend said he had to choose between them. Curator Neville Wilby, who accepted the snake at his northern English zoo, said Benham was lucky to be alive as the Burmese Python was a natural killer. "They may appear affectionate as pets but they can squeeze the life out of you," he said.

Man bites dog

PIETERMARITZBURG, South Africa (AP) — Four-year-old police dog Rex was bitten on the neck and suffered a serious neck injury when a suspect turned on him during an arrest, police said Tuesday. Constable Philip Rajah had to pull the man off the dog, police said. Rajah and Rex were on patrol in the Natal provincial capital during the weekend when they came across "two suspicious individuals," police said. While Rajah searched one man, Rex chased the other, but got the worst of the fight when he caught up with his quarry. Police said Rex was being treated at a veterinary clinic and the man he arrested was being investigated for a possible charge of malicious injury to state property.

COLUMN

Hamlisch named to arts council

WASHINGTON (AP) — Composer and pianist Marvin Hamlisch, a frequent performer at the U.S. White House, has been named by President Ronald Reagan to be a member of the National Council on the Arts. Hamlisch has written numerous scores for movies and Broadway musicals, including "They're Playing Our Song" and "A Chorus Line," which won a Pulitzer Prize and a Tony Award. He often is host of a broadcast concert series presented at the White House and is a favourite of Nancy Reagan's. If his nomination is confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Hamlisch would succeed novelist Allen Drury on the arts council. The council is the chief advisory arm of the National Endowment for the Arts.

First children, then lions

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